

# Legal Aid NSW Central Coast Domestic Violence Unit Launched



Attorney General Christian Porter officially launched the Central Coast Domestic Violence Unit, operated by NSW Legal Aid, during an event at Wyong on February 21, 2018. The dedicated unit will help vulnerable people on the NSW Central Coast.

Mr Porter said it was one of six new domestic violence units being established across Australia with funding of \$3.4 million to bring together legal and social support services in one place, providing a much greater level of support to those in urgent need.

The event was attended by Watts McCray Solicitor Ms Michelle Meares from their Erina office in her capacity as member of the Central Coast Law Society Committee. The Central Coast Domestic Violence Unit will join the twelve existing units which currently assist victims of family violence across the state by providing free legal advice, referrals, representation and social support.

The Unit will provide coordinated and intensive legal and social work support to clients who are at serious threat and who have complex legal and social needs including providing frontline legal assistance to women and children alongside the Apprehended Domestic Violence Order lists at Wyong Local Court.

Mr Porter said the Turnbull Government was committed to action to address issues of family violence. "The new domestic violence units build on the Government's record investment of more than \$1.7 billion over five years for legal aid commissions, community legal centres and Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Legal Services, including \$20 million already being provided for the existing 12 specialist domestic violence units and five health justice partnerships established in 2016 under the Women's Safety Package," he said.

Watts McCray Lawyers has offices in Sydney, Canberra, Central Coast, Parramatta, Norwest, Brookvale and Frenchs Forest. The law firm has helped thousands of Australians move forward with their lives following adversity that often presents itself in cases of domestic violence. Watts McCray is a leading specialist law firm providing services such as child support, spousal maintenance, de facto property settlement, divorce application, spousal maintenance, divorce and property advice.

To contact Legal Aid NSW Central Coast Domestic Violence Unit call 9219 6300 or email [domesticviolenceunit@legalaid.nsw.gov.au](mailto:domesticviolenceunit@legalaid.nsw.gov.au)

For more information on the services offered: [www.wattsmccray.com.au](http://www.wattsmccray.com.au)

Reference:

<https://www.legalaid.nsw.gov.au/for-lawyers/news/news-for-lawyers/media-release-seamless-support-for-central-coast-victims-of-violence2>

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